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SUBJECT: URUGUAYAN AIR FORCE CHIEF REQUEST FOR CALL ON
DEPUTY SECRETARY

1. I UNDERSTAND URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT FOR AIR FORCE CINC GENERAL RAUL BENDAHAN TO CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER. I STRONGLY URGE THAT THIS REQUEST BE GRANTED. A MEETING WITH BENDAHAN AT THIS LEVEL OF THE USG WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT SYMBOLIC VALUE AND GIVE THE GOU SOME QUICK KUDOS FOR ITS POSITIVE HANDLING OF THE ABA VISIT (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON ABA VISIT).

2. BENDAHAN IS THE NEWLY APPOINTED AIR FORCE CINC WHO REPLACED GEN. PALADINI. HE IS ONE OF THE KEY MODERATES IN THE MILITARY HEIRARCHY AND ONE OF THE MOST FRIENDLY SENIOR OFFICERS TO THIS MISSION. HE IS QUIET AND UN-ASSUMING, BUT STANDS UP FOR HIS MODERATE VIEWS AGAINST HARDLINERS. HIS POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON GOU DECISIONS WILL EXTEND UNTIL 1981, WHEN HE REACHES MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE. BENDAHAN IS A CLOSE COLLABORATOR AND SUPPORTER OF ARMY CINC, GEN. GREGORIO ALVAREZ.

3. I WOULD RECOMMEND A COURTESY CALL AT WHICH THE FOLLOWING POINTS COULD BE MADE:

A. WE APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE

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ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US AND THE CLOSE TIES YOU MAINTAIN WITH OUR EMBASSY.

B. WE VALUE THE USEFUL ROLE YOU PLAYED IN PRE-PARING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE WARM RECEPTION AFFORDED TO THE ABA MISSION, COMPOSED OF WILLIAM J. BUTLER AND LUIS REQUE.

C. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE ABA MISSION WAS ABLE

TO HAVE VERY CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE IN URUGUAY, WHICH
HOPEFULLY WILL LEAD TO POSITIVE CHANGES AND AN
IMPROVEMENT IN THE URUGUAYAN INTERNATIONAL IMAGE.

D. WE CONTINUE TO REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT WITH THE
TYPE OF ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP EXPECTED OF GENERALS
BENDAHAN AND ALVAREZ THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WILL BE
ADDRESSED IN POSITIVE FASHION AND BRING IMPROVEMENT IN OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

E. WE STAND READY TO RESPOND TO SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS
IN HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE.

F. WE THINK THE PRINCIPAL INGREDIENT IN MOVING
TOWARD STEADILY BILATERAL IMPROVED RELATIONS ARE ACTIONS
BY THE GOU WHICH ENHANCE ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. THE
RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED BY THE ABA MISSION, IF
IMPLEMENTED, WOULD DO MUCH TO REESTABLISH URUGUAY'S
TRADITIONAL INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE.

4. BIOGRAPHIC DATA: BENDAHAN WAS AIR ATTACHE IN
WASHINGTON 1964-66. HE IS A QUIET, ALMOST TIMID,
INDIVIDUAL WHO THINKS CAREFULLY BEFORE HE SPEAKS.
BUT HE IS VERY EFFECTIVE IN INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG
HIS FELLOW OFFICERS BECAUSE HE IS THOUGHTFUL AND THOROUGH.
HE HAS AN OPEN MIND, NOT OVERLY HARDENED BY ANTI-
COMMUNISM NOR NARROWED BY URUGUAYAN PROVINCIALISM. HE
IS GENERALLY FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES
AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS.
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A POLITICAL MODERATE IN THE CURRENT URUGUAYAN MILITARY
CONTEXT, HE PLAYED A VERY USEFUL ROLE IN THE RECENT GOU
ATTEMPT TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND WE BELIEVE HE CAN BE HELP-
FUL IN THE FUTURE.
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